



City of Asheville Greenway Committee

Meeting minutes

Regular Meeting

September 3, 2015

Guests: Chris Joyell, Jeff Kennedy, Linda Geltz

Committee present: John Ridout, Mary Weber, Rich Lee, Jim Grode, Amy Vanden Heuvel

Staff Present: Lucy Crown

Committee absent: Forrest Merithew, Kim Williams

1. **Call to order 3:36** (Mary Weber)

- a) Approval of agenda: Rich moved, Jim second, approved unanimously
- b) Approval of minutes: Rich moved, Jim second, approved unanimously

2. **Public Comment** – no comment

3. **New Business**

- I. Presentation on Smith Mill Creek greenway (Chris Joyell)
 - a. Initiated by Burton Street Community during vision process in 2010-11.
 - b. Draft report produced by consultant, available from Asheville Design Center (ADC)
 - c. Includes potential for connection to river and across future I-240 bridge
 - d. Conservation easement by Conservation Trust of NC allows for passive use on Falconhurst preserve, but landlocked by private property and armory property
 - e. Developers of Craggy Park development interested in allowing access
 - i. "Louisiana section" built first and will lack access to preserve
 - ii. "Craggy section" built 2-3 years and plans for access
 - f. ADC hired to engage with Falconhurst neighborhood to see about direct greenway access through neighborhood and other questions. Will have site walk in fall.
 - g. Opening preserve will trigger space and ADA requirements from Craggy end, unless lease renegotiated with Army Reserve to provide access through their end.
 - h. Armory lease coming up in 1-2 years. Easement would restrict benches, exercise equipment, gazebos, any structure. May need a river crossing within preserve.

4. **Unfinished Business**

- II. New Member Recruitment (Mary Weber)
 - a. Amy moved to nominate David Nutter, Sarah Goldman, Meredith Gregory and Stephanie Gillis, Rich seconded. Approved unanimously. Names will be forwarded to Multimodal Commission, first meeting if approved will be Oct 1.
- III. Natural Surface Trail Subcommittee (Mary and Lucy)
 - a. Some concern to put together a proposal to MMTC and city about case studies, what trails would look like, what they would be made of, better name than "goat trails". Legal and Risk Management, Real Estate Managers still to weigh in.

- IV. East Asheville Greenway Feasibility Study – Highland contributed \$4500 at Asheville Parks & Greenways Foundation. Between them and Friends of Connect Buncombe about \$24,000 raised for study from Walmart to Azalea Park. RFQ will be released in December, someone will be contracted in February. Rich asked if city could match funds to get better study or design. Short answer: No. Mary asked where additional \$6k funds would come from for \$30,000 study. Possibly more fundraising or city contribution.
- V. Outreach (Amy Vanden Heuvel)
 - a. Asheville on Bikes candidate forums coming up
- VI. Trail etiquette (Amy)
 - a. Call in dogs off leash, animal control can respond and cite but understaffed. Will be new trifold explaining etiquette, more enforcement with complaints
- VII. Rhododendron Greenway update (Lucy)
 - a. Easement has been offered for donation near park, negotiation in progress.
 - b. No update on Armory end, pending natural-trail proposal.
- VIII. Greenway map update
 - a. Some difficulty representing future greenway corridors, seeking feedback
- IX. Website update
 - a. Website will link into new Riverfront Redevelopment site, will follow model of Town of Cary greenway.

5. **Transportation update** (Lucy)

- I. Bids still going to upset bids for Sand Hill Road parcel, Friends of Hominy Creek has offered \$750 to keep bids going
- II. Pre-engineering study beginning for northern section of Riverside Greenway from Bywater to MSD headquarters. City has offered to assist with section from Broadway intersection to Hill Street. Estimated cost \$150k for study.
- III. FBR West at 20% construction drawings, committee walk on Oct 1 at 3:30.

6. **Greenway Committee Updates**

- I. Social for MMTC and Bike/Ped Task Force at High Wire on Hilliard on Sept. 23.
- II. RADTIP meeting at Lord's Auditorium Sept. 24
- III. AIM public meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:04